

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 47 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurn (U.S. Pat. No. 3,833,033) in view of Vartiainen (U.S. Pat. No. 4,441,537) and Giles (U.S. Pat. No. 6,640,855). Claims 49-52 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

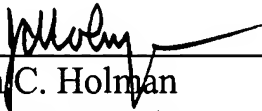
In response to the Office Action, claim 49 has been cancelled and the allowable subject matter of claim 49 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Therefore, the captioned application should now be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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